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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE STATE TRAVEL OFFICE IN HONG KONG

1. A VIETNAMESE STATE TRAVEL AGENCY IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THIS SRV-RUN OPERATION, NAMED VIETNAM TRAVEL AGENCY LTD., IS HEADED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SEMI-OFFICIAL VIETNAM TRADE OFFICE (WHO ALSO RUNS THE SRV'S LOCAL SHIPPING COMPANY, GOLDEN STAR SHIPPING LTD.) AND IS LOCATED IN ASIA HOUSE ALONG WITH THE VIETNAM IMPORT-EXPORT COMPANY AND OTHER SRV-SPONSORED OPERATIONS. THIS NEW AGENCY IS EXPECTED TO ARRANGE FOR SRV VISAS AS WELL AS ORGANIZE TOURS TO VIETNAM.

2. COMMENT: THIS NEW VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPEARS VERY SIMILAR TO THE PRC'S OWN CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE. THE UNOFFICIAL STATUS OF THIS OPERATION MAY BE IN DEFERENCE TO WHAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IS A PRC PREFERENCE FOR HAVING FRATERAL COMMUNIST STATES REPRESENTED IN HONG KONG BY PRIVATE COMPANIES RATHER THAN OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED AS A CONSULATE TO A COLONIAL GOVERNMENT ON CHINESE SOIL.

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